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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRITISH AIRWAYS AND AIR FRANCE

EXPAND SERVICE, PARIS CHARTERS

1. BERLIN PRESS HAS CARRIED TWO ARTICLES IN PAST WEEK
NOTING IMPROVMENTS IN BERLIN AIR SERVICES. SUNDAY
FEB 29 NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCED NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR
IGS, HIGHLIGHTING FACT THAT THERE ARE MORE FLIGHTS
ON IGS THAN AT ANYTIME SINE 1972. INCREASE BROUGHT
ABOUT BY ADDITIONAL BA AND AIR FRANCE SERVICES, NAMELY,
AN ADDITIONAL BA ROUNDTRIP TO COLOGNE/BONN AND AN
INCRASE OF TWO ROUNDTRIPS VIA DUSSELDORF TO PARIS
BY AIR FRANCE. AIR FRANCE WILL REDUCE
ITS FLIGHT VIA COLOGNE/BONN BY ONE FLIGHT PAIR.
COMMENTING ON THE RESUMPTION OF PARIS
SERVICE VIA DUSSELDORF, AIR FRANCE GERMANY DIRECTOR
AUGROS-DUMEE TOLD PRESS MARCH 2 THAT AFTER INTRODUCTION
OF CONCORDE FLIGHTS TO LATIN AMERICA, AIR FRANCE PICKED
UP MORE FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS OUT OF WEST GERMANY, AND
WITH THE EXPANSION OF SERVICE VIA DUSSELDORF , BERLINERS
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WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THIS FLIGHT TO

LATIN AMERICA.

2. AUGROS-DUMEE WENT ON TO MAKE POINT THAT BERLIN-APRIS
CHARTER MARKET NOW FULLY SERVED BY AIR FRANCE,
CONTRADICTING PAN AM VIEW THAT SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL BERLIN
PASSENGERS COULD BE GENERATED IF ADDITIONAL CAPACITY
OFFERED. HE ALSO WRYLY REMARKED THAT AIR FRANCE WAS NOT
PLANNING ANY CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN PARIS AND NEW
YORK, AND FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE POINT, HE ADDED
THAT POLITICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOF AND
USG ON AVIATION MATTERS WERE NOT DEPENDENT ON BERLIN
TRAFFIC SITUATION. GEORGE

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